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SUBJECT: TURKISH MFA BRIEFS UNSC AMBASSADORS ON CYPRUS

(U) Classified by DCM Robert Deutsch, E.O. 12958, reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Turkish MFA Deputy U/S briefed UNSC member state ambassadors on April 19 about possible UNSC action over the next several days. Ilkin explained that the SYG will issue a report, and the agreement will go to the UNSC to endorse the Foundation Agreement and authorize a UN peacekeeping force. He emphasized the agreement's "delicate balance" and urged that UNSC members not tilt it in favor of GCs. He predicted the GCs will press for increases to UN peacekeeping force levels from the 3000 maximum he said UN security adviser Hutter recommended after Turkish-Greek security talks. This, he said, would change the UN force from a peacekeeping force to a "peace enforcement" force. Ilkin also notes that the GCs would like to seek chapter 2 or 7 references, whereas chapter 6 would be the most appropriate justification for UN action.

¶2. (C) Ilkin noted that PM Erdogan will meet PM Karamanlis in Sarajevo on April 21. In light of Karamanlis' April 15 statement, which did not clearly support of GC "yes," Ilkin doubted the two PMs will agree on a joint statement supporting a "yes" vote. If they cannot support a "yes," he hoped they could at least emphasize commitment to implement the agreement if it is approved.

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